

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1 - 13. (CANCELED)

14. (ORIGINAL) Tissue culture of regenerable cells of the plant, or its parts, of claim 13, wherein the regenerable cells are selected from the group consisting of: embryos, meristematic cells, pollen, leaves, anthers, roots, root tips, flower, seeds, stems, protoplasts and calli derived therefrom.

15. (ORIGINAL) A method of producing backcross progeny from interspecific *Nicotiana* hybrids comprising:

- a. selecting one parent of an interspecific hybrid as a recurrent parent based on capacity for high level expression of systemic protein from a viral vector;
- b. backcrossing said interspecific hybrid to the recurrent parent and collecting the resulting seed.

16. (ORIGINAL) The seed produced from the method of claim 15.

17. (ORIGINAL) A *Nicotiana* plant, or its parts, produced by growing the seed of claim 16.

18. (ORIGINAL) Tissue culture of regenerable cells of the plant, or its parts, of claim 17, wherein the regenerable cells are selected from the group consisting of: embryos, meristematic cells, pollen, leaves, anthers, roots, root tips, flower, seeds, stems, protoplasts and calli derived therefrom.